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1. [] the following ships were in Tientsin: 25X1
 - a. Chinese Communist, HO PING [] at the T'angku Pier. 25X1
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2. [] about 80 Chinese, including women and children, 25X1

disembarked from the HO PING [] and walked toward the city. The people 25X1

carried light hand baggage and quilts. [] they

were immigrants from Dairen. 25X1
3. [] 25X1
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5. The following observations, keyed by letter to sketch A, were made in Tientsin:
 - a. Tientsin People's Hospital, a five-story building.
 - b. Clinic of the Tientsin People's Hospital.
 - c. Chinese Christian Church (Chung Hua Chi Tu Chiao Hui, 0022/5478/1015/4206/2403/2585), a two-story red brick building. Church services were held on Sundays, but the church was used as a classroom for the Eleventh Elementary School of the Tientsin First District on weekdays.
 - d. Library, formerly a bank building.
 - e. Park in front of the library.

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f. Gasoline station [redacted]

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g. Business section of Tientsin.

6. The following observations, keyed by letter to sketch B, were made along the Hai River from Tientsin to T'angku:

a. Public park.

b. Unidentified factory with one tall and two short chimneys.

c. Salt storage area. There were no buildings here, and two men in yellow uniform guarded the salt.

d. Warehouse compound surrounded by a brick wall. There was a guard tower at each corner of the compound. A large amount of cargo covered with straw mattings was stored in a long shed. A railway ran in front of the shed, and next to the railway were 24 gun turrets. The turrets resembled those on naval vessels and the guns on the turrets were painted grey. All of the turrets, except for three, were covered with canvas.

e. Hsin Ho (2450/3109)

f. Lumber storage area. Many workers were engaged in the building of wooden frames for buildings.

g. Ten steel barges, each approximately 300 tons in capacity.

h. Small shop for the repair of barges and motor boats. There was no dock here.

i. T'angku Pier area. There were numerous warehouses in this area, which was connected by a heavily traveled road.

j. T'angku Customs Office.

k. T'angku Railroad Station.

7. About three hours before a foreign vessel arrived at Tientsin, three inspectors from the Border Defense Bureau boarded the vessel. One of the men had inspected the ship on three or four previous occasions; the other two men were new. The three men took separate positions on the vessel, one at the bow, one at the stern, and one amidships. All crew members were required to reply promptly to questions asked by the guards. The guards left the ship and were replaced by other inspectors who went over the ship from bow to stern.

8. About three hours before sailing time, Chinese inspectors boarded the vessel for the routine departure inspection. After roll call the crew was divided into two groups, one composed of Chinese crewmen and the other of foreign crewmen. The groups were further divided into the stewards section, the deck hands, the engine room crew, and the cargo section. Each section was lined in rows and again checked on their identifications. Two persons from each section carrying keys accompanied the inspectors on a complete search of the ship. The hatches, engine room, passenger cabins, life rafts, and the captain's quarters were inspected. The inspection lasted about two hours.

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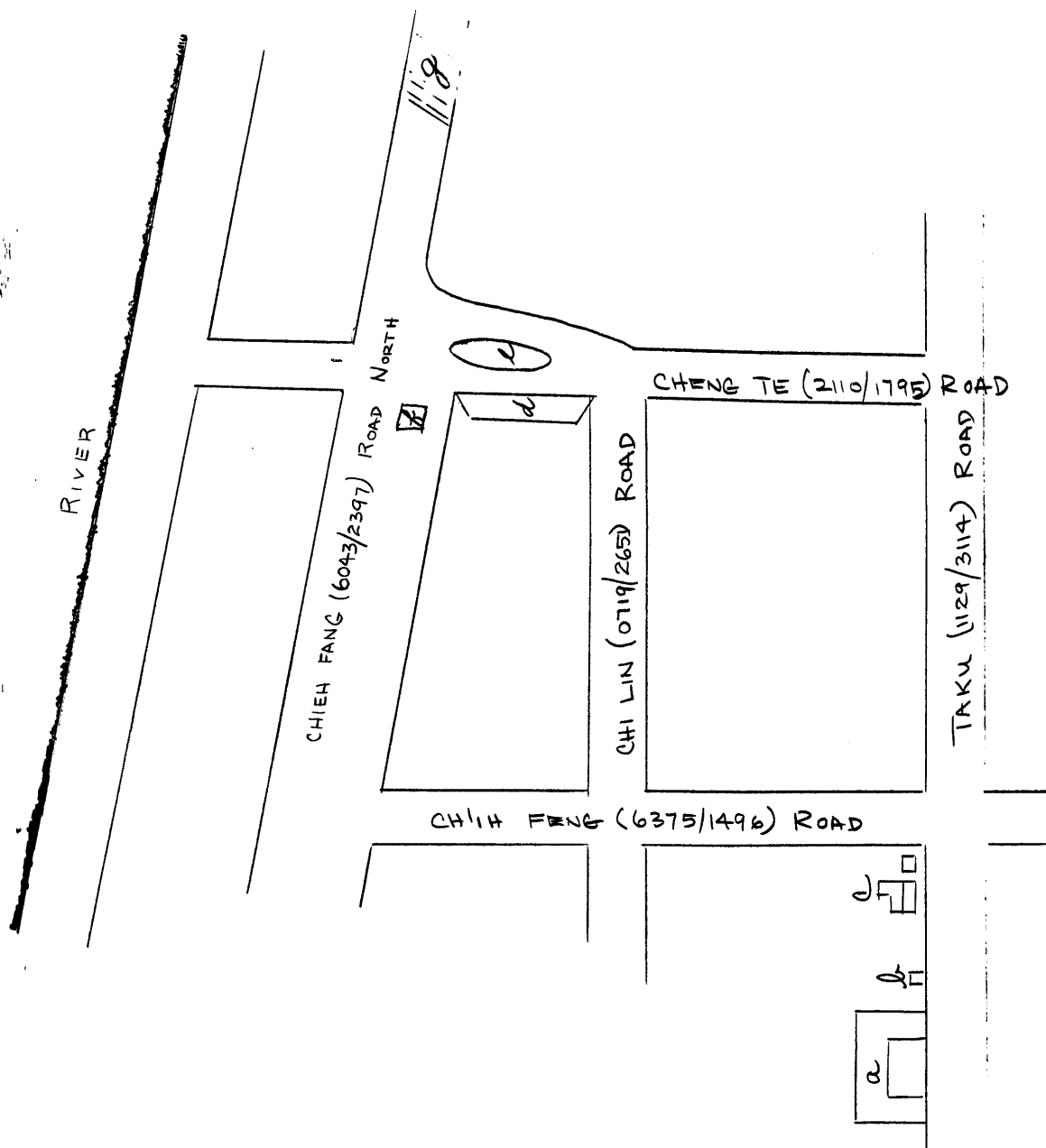
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Sketch A

Tientsin



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Sketch B

